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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"The Medical College authorities here are making huge attractions to another college in Vellore. When this one is not brought up to date and made recognizable by the Medical Council what is the necessity for spending such a large sum on that college ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know what is the amount spent on the Madras Medical College in all ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know whether there is not more scope in the Madras Medical College to train more men ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

Rules regarding the L.M.P. course.

* 1914 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued an order on 16th November 1928 embodying almost the same terms as G.O. No. 555, P.H., dated 21st April 1922 ; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons for this step ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (a) of question No. 1036-A on 28th January 1929.

Extension of the scheme of honorary physicians to district hospitals.

* 1915 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to the answer to my question No. 1594, dated the 1st March 1929, regarding the extension of the scheme of honorary physicians to the district hospitals, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to place before the House the details of the scheme that have been so far worked out ?

A.—No useful purpose will be served by placing on the table an incomplete scheme.

Public Health

Outbreak of cholera in the General Hospital.

* 1916 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a severe epidemic of cholera in the General Hospital in December last ;

(b) how many patients were attacked by this disease in the hospital ; how many of these were treated in the General Hospital itself and how many were sent to the Corporation Infectious Diseases Hospital ;

(c) what was the mortality rate among them in the General Hospital and in the Infectious Diseases Hospital ;

(d) whether any enquiry was held by the Government ; and

(e) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table the result of that enquiry ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) Copies of the reports of the Committee appointed by the Surgeon-General to investigate the recent outbreak of cholera in the General Hospital together with the Surgeon-General's remarks thereon are laid on the table [a]. The recommendations of the committee have been carried out.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know whether the reports were read by the hon. the Minister for Public Health ? "

The hon. the President :—" That question is not admissible."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know what was the exact cause of this outbreak in the General Hospital ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It is given in five pages in the Appendix."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" They say there that because there was cholera in the city, the General Hospital also had it. Then I ask, why there was no cholera in other big hospitals in the city—the Maternity Hospital, the Rayapuram Hospital, the Royapetta Hospital, the Christiana Rainy Hospital and the Kalyani hospital. In all these there was not even one case."

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Does the hon. Member wish cholera to break out in those hospitals ? "

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" I should like to know exactly from the Minister how many cholera cases were treated in the General Hospital and how many of them were sent to the Isolation Hospital ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" All of them are given in the Appendix."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" I do not find it there. Still I am asking the hon. the Minister why there should be heavier mortality in the cases treated in the General Hospital, while in the case of those that were sent to the Isolation Hospital of the Corporation the recovery was 90 per cent ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The cases treated in the General Hospital are given here ; cases treated in the Isolation Hospital are not given here. There is no ground for a comparison between the two."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Why should cases of cholera be treated in the General hospital, when there is a special hospital for it ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The reason is given in the Appendix."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" I do not find any reason ; still I should like to know from the hon. the Minister why the poor patients were sent to the Isolation Hospital and the rich patients were treated in the General Hospital ? "

The hon. the President :—" That is giving information."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" In paragraph 3 it is stated that 'the most important points in connexion with the enquiry are to find out how the patients might have become infected.' May I know what action Government have taken to guard against the mistakes that seem to have operated in this case ? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 912-920 infra.

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The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"It is also given in the Appendix. There they say : 'the question of fly-proofing latrines and kitchens in all hospitals is being considered'. They have been carried out."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know on what basis the authorities in the General Hospital sent a certain number of patients suffering from cholera to the Isolation Hospital and retained some in the General Hospital for treatment?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"What is the paragraph in the report to which he refers?"

Agriculture

Number and cost of breeding stations in 1927–28.

*1917 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and cost of each breeding station in 1927–28;

(*b*) where each is located; and

(*c*) how many of them are in Telugu districts?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following are the figures for both plant breeding stations and cattle breeding stations:—

Station.	Expenditure.
	RS.
Paddy breeding station, Maruteru	17,248
Do. Aduturai	8,973
Do. Pattambi	15,451
Do. Coimbatore	6,259
Cotton breeding station, Coimbatore	10,571
Do. Koilpatti	9,491
Millets breeding station, Coimbatore	5,668
Cattle breeding station, Hosur	86,024
Do. Chintaldevi	21,612
Buffalo breeding station, Guntur	8,988

The above does not include the establishment charges.

(*c*) Three.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister whether more breeding stations will be started, seeing that there are only three for the Telugu districts?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"It will be considered, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"May I know what return is got from these plant breeding stations?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Notice."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"Am I to understand that no information has been received from these breeding stations?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Oh, yes. Details are available and I shall call for them if desired."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister has considered the necessities of the Ceded districts with regard to the establishment of these breeding stations?"